

School and Community Newsletter

WHAT'S ON TERM 3

Week 5

Science Week

Tuesday 15th August

Kindergarten
Orientation

P & C Meeting – 3:20pm

Wednesday 16th August

Parent-Teacher
Interviews

Friday 18th August

Sporting School Hockey

Week 6

Book Week

Friday 25th August

Sporting School Hockey

Festival of Food

Book Week Celebrations
1pm – 3pm

Week 7

Tuesday 29th August

Healthy Harold @
Stroud PS

Principal's Message

We have been incredibly busy here at SRPS, continuing what has been a wonderful start to the term. It has also been a touch challenging with plenty of illness in the wider school community. I hope everyone is on the mend, please let me know if the school can help in any way to support your family.

Last week, I had the pleasure of attending a Principal's Conference in Sydney. I was able to have a wonderful chat with our current Secretary of NSW Education Murat Dizdar about our lovely school and all the great plans we have moving forward.

On Friday, our Stage Three students visited Dungog High School as part of the RYSTEM program. The students participated in a range of Engagement activities related to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. This also forms a wonderful link for our students with both the high school as well as with students in our area and beyond. I have included some pictures of the action on the next page.

On Friday of Week 6 (25th August), we would like to invite all parents, carers and members of our wider school community to join us to celebrate Book Week, as well as 175 years of Public Education in NSW.

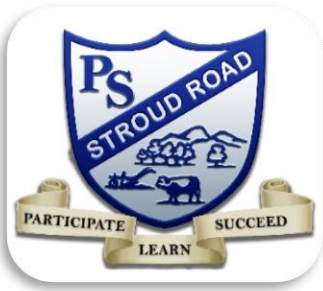
We invite you to join us at 1pm for a shared lunch with students, a 'parade' of student costumes and a range of activities in our fabulous school library supporting this year's Book Week theme of Read, Grow, Inspire. Of course, the dress-ups need not be confined to the students!

Both Miss Hughes and I are very much looking forward to catching up this week for Parent-Teacher interviews. These will be a great chance to identify next-step academic goals for your child, as well as discuss ways that we can best support them here at school.

In further exciting news for our school, we will soon be making the transition to a brand-new school management system – SchoolBytes. Mrs Dennis will be attending training in the new system, which will streamline school-parent communication, attendance, finance and permission forms. We will be in touch with any changes as they occur. Also, we are in collaboration with the department to establish a brand-new school Facebook page...stay tuned!

On behalf of both myself and the staff here at SRPS, we hope you have a lovely week and look forward to seeing you over the next couple of weeks at our upcoming school events.

Mr Irwin



Mr Irwin's Student of the Week



Awarded to: Ally Bowden

Awarded For: Demonstrating effort and improvement in both her subitising skills in Mathematics, as well as her skipping skills during 'Jump Rope for Heart' sessions.

Supporting our students at home

Each fortnight, we will include some handy tips and tricks to support and complement learning at home.

This term, K-6 are working on building their knowledge of numbers and place value by counting, making and solving number patterns, and working with decimals. Here is some information on how you can help your child at home:

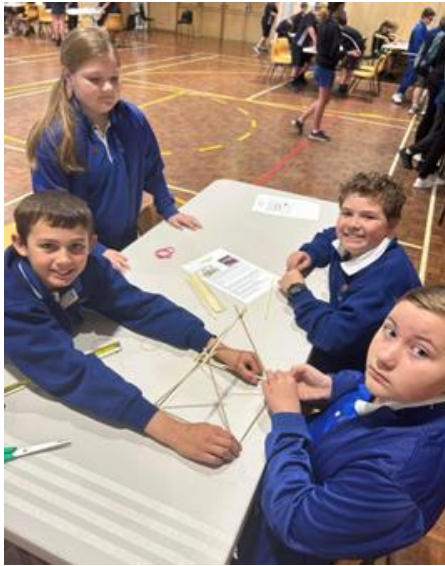
How do kids learn to count and use numbers?

Kids learn the pattern of counting by repeating the numbers. At the beginning, this pattern may have gaps where your child may leave out a number in the sequence, or they may invent numbers. Kids should be given lots of opportunities to practise and explore counting groups of things as well as making groups. As they develop counting skills, they may start to count by 2s, 5s and 10s so that they can count large amounts of objects quickly.

Minute to Win It

'Minute to Win It' is a quick game that helps kids learn to count. It can be played when you have a spare 5 minutes at home. It is suitable for K-6 and can be played by 2 or more players.

1. Pour a bag of pasta (or any household material you have in large amounts) on a flat surface.
2. Set a timer for 1 minute and ask players to collect as much pasta as possible in 1 minute.
4. Players then organise their collection to guess how many they have just by looking and thinking. Most of the time, older kids will organise their pasta into groups of 10 and younger kids will organise theirs one-by-one.
5. Players count their collection to double check how many they have. The player with the most pasta wins!



JUMP ROPE for HEART



Be active every day!

**Being active is important
for your health!**



Aim for at least **1 hour of
physical activity every day.**



Especially exercises that
will make you **'huff and puff'**.



Limit your screen time to
less than 2 hours per day.



Did you know?

- ✓ **Skipping** is a fun way to get your heart pumping.
- ✓ It is a great way to **strengthen your muscles and bones.**
- ✓ **Skipping and being active with friends** is good for your heart.

www.jumprope.org.au

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

education.nsw.gov.au



Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

5 mins
per day



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3 days

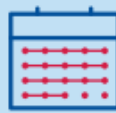


30 mins
per day



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18 days



**Patterns of lateness
can have a serious
impact on your child's
education.**

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Mr Irwin's Riddle of the Week

If you can tell Mr Irwin the answer, there will be a mystery prize up for grabs! Congratulations to Joel who was the winner from last fortnight.



What animal can jump higher than a building?